

Summary of the April 8, 2013 School Board Meeting

The school board met on Monday, April 8, 2013 to discuss the following agenda items.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Congratulations were in order to our Dumas High School UIL Academic teams and coaches for their successful season and showing at District! Several of our kids will be moving on in competition. Pam Wood, Holly Wait, Melissa Wilson and their students visited with the board about this year's accomplishments.

Also in attendance was the Intermediate School Sign Language Club. Under the direction of Scott Snyder, the students demonstrated some of the skills they learned and explained why they have enjoyed learning sign language.

ACTION ITEMS

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Jordan Mills, seconded by Patty Willis and approved by a 6-0 board vote to approve the consent agenda as presented and to amend the budget in order to approve gifts as requested. (Kevin Weatherford was unable to attend the meeting.)

A. Minutes of March 25, 2013 Regular Meeting

B. Gifts

- Pantex Science Bowl gave \$1,000 to be used for supplies for Junior High Science

Health Insurance Rates for 2013-2014

Increases in health insurance rates were addressed by the board. A motion was made by Johnny Schmucker, seconded by Brent Clark and carried with a 6-0 board vote to approve contributing up to \$384.00 on all plans to help offset the cost of premiums to employees.

Policy Update 96 – 2nd Reading

A motion was made by Patty Willis, seconded by Joe Ballard and carried with a 6-0 board vote to add, revise and delete local policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service according to the Instructions Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 96.

2013 Summer School

The 2013 Summer School Plan was approved with a motion by Joe Ballard, seconded by Brent Clark and carried with a 6-0 board vote.

Personnel

The board went into executive session at 7:40 p.m., with Mr. Pope stating that no action would be taken during that time. The meeting returned to open session at 9:24 p.m., with Mr. Pope stating again that no action was taken during the closed session.

The following personnel items were presented to the board.

Appointments: James Bussard, Director of Special Education, Central Office
Cindy Rhoades, PEIMS Coordinator, Central Office

Resignations: Que Brittain, High School DAEP/Coach
Frances Burt, High School English Teacher
Kasinda Conde, Cactus 2nd Grade Teacher
Lance Hagler, Junior High 7th Grade Math Teacher

Heather Hampton, Junior High 8th Grade Special Ed Inclusion Teacher
Michael Sampson, High School World History Teacher/Coach
Elizabeth Macumber, Cactus 3rd Grade Teacher
Jared Macumber, Cactus Music Teacher
David Walthal, High School World Geography Teacher/Coach
Kevin York, High School Health Teacher/Coach

Retirements: Molly Hutches, Sunset Bilingual Kindergarten Teacher

A motion was made by Patty Willis and seconded by Johnny Schmucker to accept the appointments as presented. Motion passed with a 5-0 board vote. Jordan Mills abstained from the vote.

Contracts were approved with a motion made by Patty Willis, seconded by Brent Clark and carried with a 6-0 board vote.

Resignations and retirements do not require board approval.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Bilingual Exception

The district has operated under a Bilingual Exception due to the lack of Bilingual teachers in our district. In place of a Bilingual program, ESL classes are offered. TEA granted approval of the 2012-2013 exception request with the expectation that we continue to try to meet or exceed the state average limited English student performance or meet the goals set forth in the approved action plan.

School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Annual Report

The Annual Report for the Dumas ISD School Health Advisory Council for 2012-2013 was presented to the board.

Enrollment Report

Current enrollment is 4,602 as opposed to 4,599 last week and 4,563 this time last year.

Construction Update

The board reviewed the construction update on current projects throughout the district.

The next meeting of the Dumas ISD School Board will be on Monday, April 22, 2013, 7:00 p.m. at Central Office.